

REMARKS

In the Official Action of October 13, 2004, Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) and Claims 4, 5, 7-9, 12-14 and 16-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The present communication is fully responsive to the Official Action of October 13, 2004.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ralph et al (USPN 6,722,875) over Guinot et al and Jordan et al.

The 35 USC 102(b) rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11 and 15.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 5, 7-9, 12-14 and 16-19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended the above claims accordingly and Claims 4, 5, 7-9, 12-14 and 16-19 should now be considered allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Curington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Curington
Reg. No. 45,944

Tim W. Curington
Integrated Productivity & Conveyance
110 Schlumberger Drive, MD1
Sugar Land, Texas 77478
(281) 285-4524

Attachment: Formal Drawings (sheets 1 through 10)

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheets (10 total) replace the informal drawings submitted upon filing of the application.